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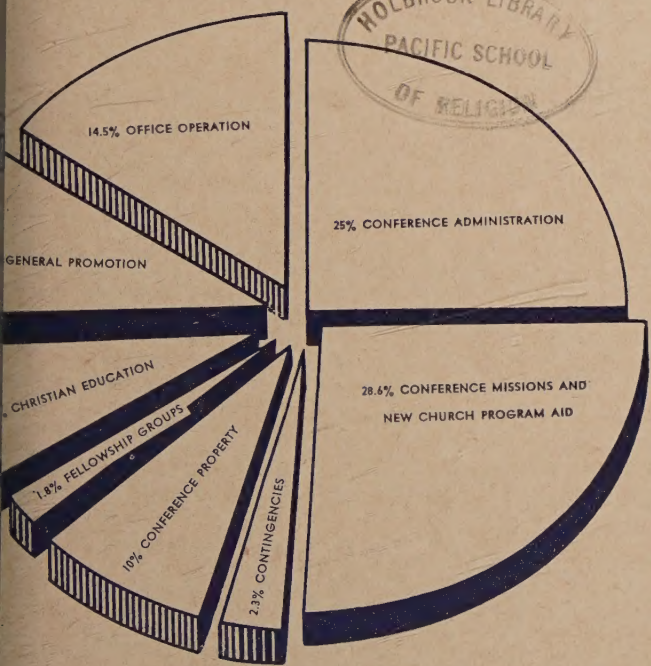

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LET US HAVE PEACE

ARCHIE H. HOOK
Superintendent and Minister

February is a month filled with meaningful days. It holds the birthdays of two outstanding presidents, Race Relations Sunday, followed by Brotherhood Week, and those two significant days in the Christian Calendar—Ash Wednesday and the World Day of Prayer—coming at the opening of Lent. It seems an appropriate time for us to think seriously of peace—peace between nations; peace among our brothers and peace in our own hearts as we prepare ourselves spiritually for the true meaning of Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

Three men come to mind when we think of peace—one, the greatest of all, who lived many centuries ago; another, the Great Emancipator, whose influence will ever remain in our national life; and the third, one who preached and practiced non-violence until his death this last December.

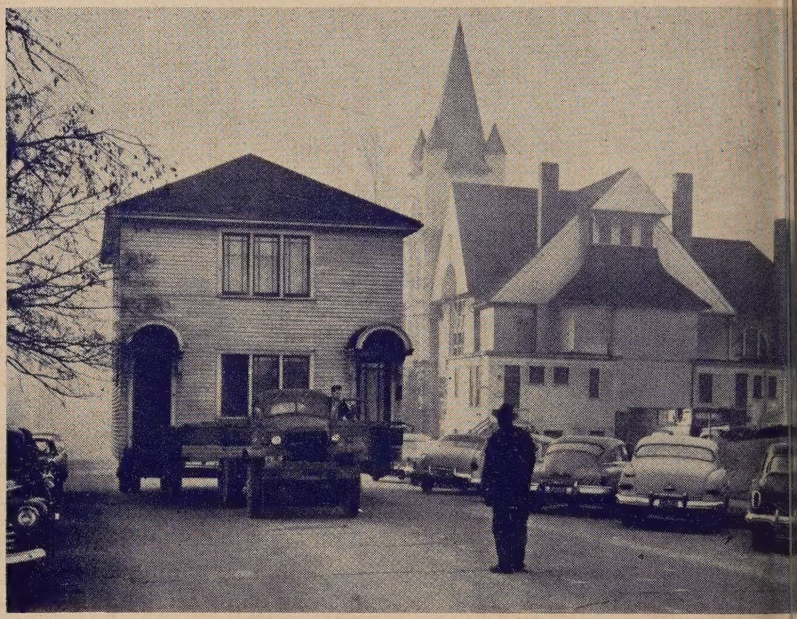
I should like to pay tribute to Kirby Page, who never allowed his passion for peace to waver. His 24 books will live long and cannot help but witness to his victorious faith. He gave great leadership in the Emergency Peace Campaign, to which Quakers and others contributed large sums of money. He emphasized that the ultimate test of the reality of our awareness of the presence of God and of our responsiveness to the will of God is found in the quality of our ministry to all of God's children. To the extent that we experience vital communion with God, self-centeredness will be supplanted by mutuality. In what better spirit can we approach Lent than forgetting ourselves and working for the good of all?

This leads us to think of Lincoln, who discovered the secret of keeping peace in his soul in the midst of war; and who expressed this quality in the closing words of the greatest inaugural address ever given: "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in . . . to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, taught and exemplified peace beyond all comparison. None can be a true follower of Him who does not strive daily to love, serve and live in harmony with his fellowman. Turn to a New Testament which has the words of Jesus in red and notice how constantly the theme of peace runs through his messages, whether to an individual or to the multitude. Who has not found comfort and reassurance in the words: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

Atoms for peace, yes! Conferences for peace; education for peace; churches and Christians everywhere talking about, praying for, and assisting in every known way to make universal peace less of a dream and more of a reality. Let us have peace in our hearts, our homes and among all men.

CONGREGATIONALISTS IN EVERETT ON THE MOV



These two pictures are already out of date, but show what is happening at the First Congregational Church of Everett as the first unit of their new church begins to be realized. The church had bought adjoining property and houses north of their present church. The two houses on this property were removed, one being torn down and one, as shown here, was moved to another location. The new structure will consist largely of a sanctuary seating 300, a large fellowship parlor, complete new office space for the ministers and for the church office, a beginning of the Christian Education unit, a kitchen, robing room, furnace room, etc.

Chairman of the Building Committee is Ben Newland. Others on the committee are Warren Bowman, Derrel Cederblom, Ross Hoagland, Jarvis Lowe, Irene Oliver, Betty Rodland, Chloris Wahl Briggs, Bill Thompson. Jarvis Lowe is also treasurer of the building fund. Guy Dickie is the financial secretary. C sultants are George Newland Frederic Giles.

It is planned that the new sa tuary will be open for occupancy July 1st. Architects are Durh Anderson and Freed of Seattle; building contractor is Newland C struction Co. of Everett. Minister the First Congregational Church the Rev. Emrys P. Thomas, came here from Waseca, Minn. August of 1955.

Almost as quickly as the old was mo away, work was begun on the new chu building.

GRIM FIRS CONSTRUCTION

ie pick and shovel—the hammer the saw—all are singing their y tune once again at Pilgrim . New construction is once again rway. The project is that of the nanent home for the minister- ager. For over two years the sands of volunteer workmen at rim Firs have waited for this truction to get underway.

Minister-Manager will soon move from to the new home.

s with all Pilgrim Firs efforts, dreds of people have been in- ed even before the house footing dug. Thanks to the efforts of Special Gifts Committee for rim Firs, the Women's Fellow- s in many of our churches, the rim Fellowship and the Pilgrim ; Development Committee, the se is becoming a reality.

he entire Pilgrim Firs develop- t was a part of the Church Ex- sion campaign for $600,000; how- r, to construct the lodge and en cabins exhausted all the ey that was allocated from this d. Pilgrim Firs was not com- e; still needed was $20,000 to t the minister-manager's home three additional cabins. Quietly, effectively, this sum is being ed. Over $6,500 of the $10,000 ded for the home has been se- ed in cash or firm commitments. remaining $3,500 must be raised ore the home can be completed. he home will be a three bedroom, temporary type home designed the architect Charles Schiff take full advantage of the native ting and view of the lake.

Women's Fellowships and individ- s who have desired to make a cial contribution to this project e sent their gifts to the Confer- e Office, marked "Pilgrim Firs— ecial Gift Fund".

OUR MISSION IN BROTHERHOOD . . .

The achievements of a church often speak of gains made in membership, budgets over-subscribed, building improvements, or perchance a significant event shared in the fellowship of its members and friends. The year 1958 might truly be memorable if churches of our Washington Conference could report, "Mission Accomplished . . . In Brotherhood!"

The problems of race relations have often been ignored by well-meaning and sincere Christian people with the mistaken notion that it does not effect us unless some drastic event transpires close at hand. However, if our concerns embrace our fears as nations strive to dominate through force we must also come to grips with the cause of fear. Chief among these causes in our day are the racial tensions and misunderstandings that separate us.

We have all experienced the thrill of sharing the great spiritual festival of Christmas which speaks of "Good will toward men"; and we might profitably consider the satisfaction to be shared in understanding one another more fully in the spirit of Christ. Even as this is being written our daily press reminds us of a so-called conference of the "colored races" being held for the avowed purpose of further dividing the whites and non-whites! As Christians, we must forcefully declare our belief that we are all "one in Christ"!

Firmly believing in the power and effectiveness of Christian people aware and concerned in pronouncing their faith through intelligent action we recommend for your study and use in church and home a dramatic brochure now available, "Mission In Brotherhood", a program for better race relations. Copies may be ordered through Missions Council and is a tremendous document for group or personal use. Instead of just talking about it . . . let's do something this year so we can report, "Mission Accomplished . . . In Brotherhood!"

"THREE, TO GET READY"

(FOR MEN ONLY)

"One, for the money"—but the money is no problem for most church laymen these days. "Two, for the show"—the show is practically all set up now, even though it doesn't come until after Easter. But "three, to get ready"—that's why we're telling you in February about our Laymen's Fellowship "Schools of Churchmanship" to come in April.

Laymen meet around fireplace.

The actual dates are April 19 and 20 for Pilgrim Firs, April 26 and 27 for N-Sid-Sen, and the theme will be practical: "The Layman's Opportunity in His Church". There will be a key-note speaker on the theme and group discussions on its practical working. The matter of race relations and attitudes will have a special hour. Another top subject will be the structure of laymen's work in the Conference, led by a committee which is studying it now. Don't miss it.

Just now our concern it that pastors and laymen plan on a good delegation from each church. It takes time "to get ready" and this is not too soon to start. Let's get a line-up of men who plan to go and publicize the fact. Men who have attended before will be good recruiters.

Forum discussion at fall retreat.

Missions Every Sunday!

Did you know that your chu can offer missionary education spiritual enrichment to every w shipper every Sunday just by us a certain kind of bulletin or endar?

Many of our Congregatio Churches in this Conference, as v as hundreds of others across nation, are doing just that by pri ing or mimeographing their Sun Order of Worship and announ ments on bulletins furnished by Missions Council. Is your church of these?

These bulletins, or calendars, ha a cover beautifully designed and lustrated, different every week, a on the back page are weekly ill trated items such as informat about our missionaries, the wo they do, needs they find; sometim there is also an inspirational m sage from a church leader or prayer. Every week has some val for spiritual knowledge or grow

You can order these bulletins f a stated period, and the number y order will be mailed to your chur each week well in advance of t using date. A recently added featu is a full color bulletin for spec days such as Christmas, Palm Su day and Easter. The price is st $1.00 per hundred.

In one of our churches, after trial period of using these bulletin the pastor asked at the Annu Meeting whether the members wis ed to return to the former practi of a church bulletin with a local d sign. One layman after another ro to testify to the value of the mi sion bulletins and the vote was continue them even though a weel ly insert is needed to get in all th announcements.

Why not speak to your past about this Missions Council Cale dar service? The Missions Counc address is 287 Fourth Avenue, Ne York 10, New York.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

May 6-7-8

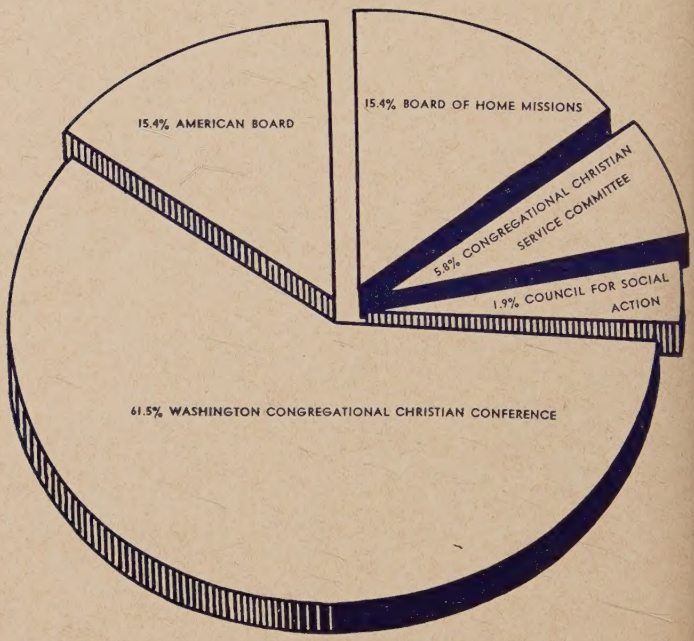
Walla Walla

to Moses Lake recently? Next time take a few extra minutes and drive by the h site of our new Pilgrim Church. You won't have any trouble identifying the site n be seen from the attractive sign shown above. While in town say "hello" to the ter and his family pictured above. From left to right Richard, Peter, Mary, Grace Clare Olney. The site is located in the Knolls Vista area.

TWELFTH NIGHT TREE BURNING CEREMONY

u were driving west on Highway 10 past Eastgate about 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, ary 6th, you would have undoubtedly been attracted by the large pile of burning tmas trees in the open lot next to the road. On this evening over 150 members and ds of the Eastgate Church gathered for the second annual Twelfth Night Tree ng Service. This year's service was planned by the Ninth Grade Pilgrim Fellowship the minister Frank Kelsey.

Your Christian World Mission Dollars.



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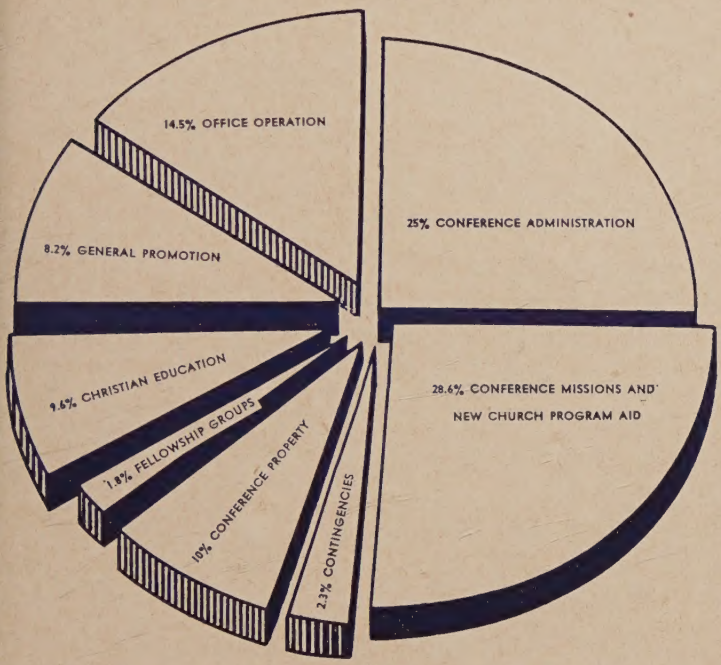

ONFERENCE MISSIONS AND PROGRAM AID TO NEW CHURCHES

Aid to churches, Pastor at Large, Interdenominational projects, Work among College and University Students.

ONFERENCE PROGRAM AND ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent and Minister, Associate Superintendent and Minister, Board of Directors, Guest Leaders, Management of Pilgrim Firs and N-Sid-Sen.

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Secretarial staff, telephone, supplies, postage.

ENERAL PROMOTION

Congregational Way. General Council Delegates, Literature, Committee Expenses, Annual Meeting, Library.

HRISTIAN EDUCATION

Minister of Christian Education, Literature, Committee Expenses, Workshops, Visual Aids.

ELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Laymen's, Women's and Pilgrim Fellowship.

ONFERENCE PROPERTY

Conference Home, N-Sid-Sen, Pilgrim Firs, Insurance.

AROUND THE CONFERENCE

Laymen Train For Pulpit

In a new program launched this Fall Congregational Church Laymen of the Seattle area received training to occupy pulpits in the absence of a minister or in vacant churches.

Training was directed by Rex Jordan, Seattle layman, and Dr. Jackson E. Smith, Associate Superintendent of Washington Congregational Churches. Mr. Jordan is a member of the National Laymen's Fellowship Committee and former Moderator of the Washington Conference.

A dozen chosen men were given a plan for schooling laymen in sermon preparation and delivery, Scripture reading, leadership in prayer, developing forms of worship, and other elements of an orderly and meaningful worship hour.

The request for such training grew out of the Fall Laymen's Retreat at Pilgrim Firs. Various training meetings will be held in strategic locations at later dates.

Eagle Harbor's 75th Anniversaary

On December 31, 1882, fourteen Charter Members organized the Eagle Harbor Congregational Church of Madrone, now Winslow, Washington.

To quote from the old records: "The citizens of Eagle Harbor settlement, being of several different church organizations, it was mutually agreed by them to unite in some form of church government that was least objectionable, and the Congregational form was agreed upon." The church building was erected and dedicated in 1896. The total cost in money was $1,050, but everyone in the community gave something toward this endeavor.

The 75th Anniversary Service was held on December 13, 1957 with Dr. Claton S. Rice, Superintendent Emeritus of our Conference, delivering the address. Following the service a social hour was held under the auspices of the Women's Fellowship. The Rev. Edward W. Ohrenstein has been the minister of the church since 1951.

Preaching Mission In Pasco

An event of real spiritual signi cance in the life of the First Cong gational Church of Pasco is to ta place in February. The Board of De cons and Deaconesses have invit The Rev. Ernest Yarrow of t Fauntleroy Congregational Chur in Seattle to conduct a Preachi Mission Feb. 16 through Ash We nesday, Feb. 19. A program of Vis tation Evangelism will follow on t 20th, through the 23rd of Februar Lent, also, will mark the beginnin of a special attendance crusade du ing which time attendance car will be filled out by each person a tending each Sunday.

Deer Park Laymen

A Laymen's Fellowship was r cently organized at The Open Do Congregational Church in Dee Park. The contemplated program in cludes a meeting of a devotional na ture on the fourth Sunday evenin of each month and a dinner meetin for service and fellowship on th second Wednesday. The first tw service projects of the group wer the setting up of the Nativity Scen in front of the church and the storm sashes for the church were finished Franklin Forrester is the minister of the church.

CAMP SCHEDULE IN 1958

N-Sid-Sen

July 7-14—Women's Camp
July 14-21—Senior High
July 21-28—7th & 8th Grade
July 28 - Aug. 4—7th & 8th Grade
Aug. 4-11—Freshmen
Aug. 11-18—Family Camp

Pilgrim Firs

June 30 - July 7—Family Camp
July 7-14—7th & 8th Grade
July 14-21—Freshman
July 21-28—7th & 8th Grade
July 28 - Aug. 4 — Church School Workers
Aug. 4-11—Senior High
Aug. 11-18—Representative Camp
Aug. 18-25—Senior High
Aug. 25 - Sept. 1—Family Camp
Sept. 2—College Camp

DR. CLINTON E. OSTRANDER RETIRES

Dr. Clinton E. Ostrander and W. Walter Williams, Undersecretary of Commerce.

n Sunday afternoon, December over eight hundred people gath- d at the University Congrega- al Church in Seattle to enjoy a utiful program of music and to or their retiring minister and his e, Dr. and Mrs. Clinton E. Os- nder. The Christmas Evensong s planned by the Music Commit- f directed by William Klein and icated to Dr. Ostrander for his nty years of devoted service. It l the Christmas story in carols yed by a string quartet, songs by Sanctuary Choir, cello solos and no and organ duets, and ended h Katherine Davis' Carol Can- a, "This is Noel."

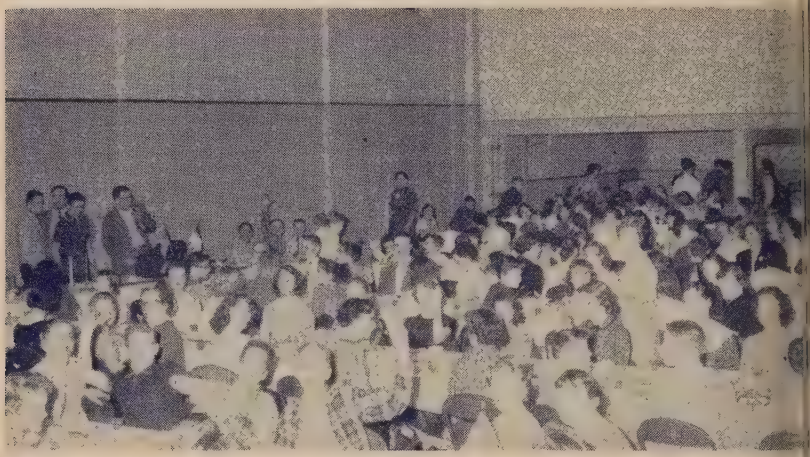
ollowing the Evensong a recep- was held in Fellowship Hall. . Walter B. Williams, President the Church Council, introduced father, Mr. W. Walter Williams, dersecretary of Commerce and mber of University Church since 1. He had flown from Washing- , D. C. for this occasion. He ke of his long personal friend- p with Dr. Ostrander and con- ded by unveiling a bronze plaque giving a new name to the hall, the Clinton E. Ostrander Fellowship Hall.

Long tables arranged in the center of the room were covered with green table cloths and decorated with holly and red candles. High school boys and girls, members of Christian Builders, helped in the serving.

Mrs. David Rose had arrived the day before from Rock Springs, Wyoming, and stood with her parents in the receiving line.

A committee had arranged for the printing of a booklet of selected sermons by Dr. Ostrander as a gift to all church members and others who might wish them, **"Crown of a Ministry."** Mr. Williams said in the foreword: "Sermons that move us deeply and prayers that call us from afar are the very crown of a minister's mission unto the world for Christ. It is thus that these sermons and this prayer are bound together now as Dr. Ostrander prepares for the new adventures of his retirement."

FOUR JUNIOR HIGH CONFERENCES



Over 600 Junior Highs will enjoy the fun and fellowship of our Junior High conferenc Pictured above is part of the Everett Conference of last year.

Something new has been added to the Junior High Pilgrim Fellowship; in fact, two new things—two more Junior High Conferences. For the first time this year we will have four area Junior High weekend Conferences at Tacoma, First; Bellingham; Yakima and Kellogg. To each of these cities will come on a Friday afternoon 150 Junior Highs and their advisors.

The theme for each of the Conferences is "Crossed Decisions" with the keynote speakers being Edward Hastings of Vancouver, George Snyder of Green Lake, Paul Sutley of Pasco and Burton Saunders of Kellogg. The cost for the Conference is $5.00.

At all of the Conferences this year, the Junior Highs will meet a friend from Japan.

TRAINING NEW MEMBERS

An important but often neglect part of a church's evangelism pr gram is that of preparing new prospective members for active ser ice and responsibility as they uni with the church.

As an aid in this program th filmstrip "Seek Ye First" was pr pared and is now available in th Conference Office. A 20-minute re ord (33RPM) accompanies the pi tures and a valuable "Leader Guide" advises the pastor on ho best to use the filmstrip. Printed i the Guide is the script for the pro jectionist.

Only a few of our Conferenc churches have had opportunity t use this aid with membership classe or confirmation groups but spea highly of its value. Why not pla on using this helpful resource i your adult or youth groups prepar ing to be received this spring Postage is the only charge for it use.

When you write in please state second choice of date as well in cas some other church has booked thi for the date you preferred.

Two For the Price of One!

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$5000 is all that is delaying the construction of three more cabins.

of individuals or the church that provides the resources for the construction of cabin nine is actually making possible both nine and ten.

The cost for construction of a cabin with all volunteer labor is $3,000; furnishing and equipment is an additional $500. For further information, please contact the Conference office, 720 14th North, Seattle 2, Wn.

THE CONFERENCE CALENDAR

Junior High Conferences
February 14-16—Tacoma
February 21-23—Bellingham
March 7- 9—Yakima
March14-16—Kellogg

Women's Fellowship Area Meetings
March 17-21—West Side
March 24-28—East Side

Ministers' Retreat
April 8-10—Pilgrim Firs

Senior High Conferences
April 11-13—Vancouver
April 18-20—Pasco

Vacation Church School Institutes
April 14-18

Schools of Churchmanship
April 19-20—Pilgrim Firs
April 26-27—N-Sid-Sen

Annual Conference
May 6-8—First Congregational Church, Walla Walla

Planning Conference
May 19-21—Pilgrim Firs

General Council
June 23-30—Boston, Massachusetts

The original church was "built in a day"

FIFTY YEARS OF GROWTH

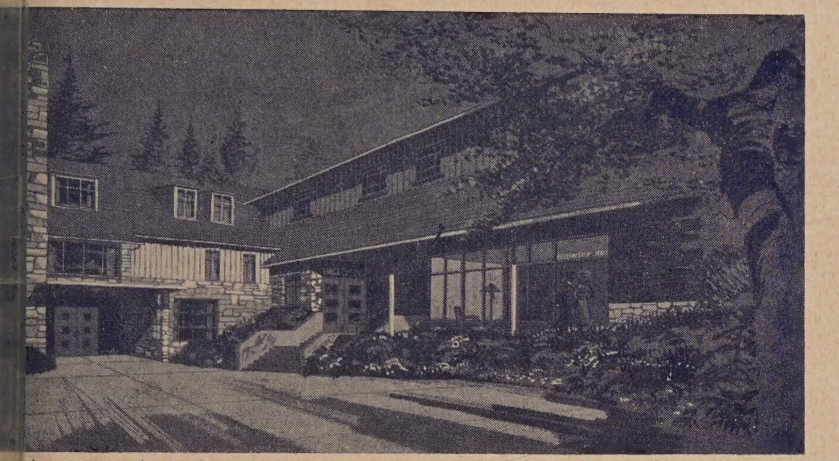
Rapidly nearing completion in the Southwest corner of Seattle is the second unit of the new buildings for our Fauntleroy Community Congregational Church. The buildings will be dedicated this Spring in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary observances of the building of the first Fauntleroy Church in 1908.

Services began in Fauntleroy in 1906 under the missionary leadership of some of the members of the Plymouth Church. Worship was on the beach, and the church historian wrote: "No one who ever attended one of those campfire-lighted services on the beach of Puget Sound will ever doubt the power of worship or the glory of God." Two years later the congregation, not yet organized into a church, launched a career that has been one of the most unique in our denomination. On Saturday, July 25th, 1908, every able bodied man in the community gathered at the site near the end of the street-car tracks to build a church, and the next morning services were held in the "church that was built in a day". For half a century this "little brown church" has played a vital role in the lives of all those who have made up the community.

A short while after the building of the church the Community Center was erected, the forerunner of one of the most exciting concepts of t modern church. This Center was mature as the Fauntleroy Bran Y.M.C.A., and continues to serve t day as the sister organization of t Fauntleroy Church, occupying t same premises and cooperating u der carefully drawn areas of agre ment and responsibility. Any res dent of Southwest Seattle will te you that this team ministry to th spiritual needs of the communit has been the leading force in kee ing the juvenile delinquency rate i Fauntleroy the lowest in the city.

With the end of the war th growth of both Southwest Seattl and the Fauntleroy Church entere

The sanctuary unit was erected in 1952.



ducation and social unit is now being constructed as shown in the architect's sketch.

w era. The church membership 947 was 240, the church school lment just over 300, and the C.A. membership 360. The An- Church Budget was $13,000. ses were going up everywhere. church and the "Y." voted to with the community.

1952 the first unit of the new ch was completed, including the lling of the facilities of the Y. A., the erection of a new sanc- y seating 300 persons, and ten ch school rooms. The budget in went up to $25,000, and the in- edness of the church to a stag- g $105,000! These budgets were orted by a church membership 80 persons. The church school grown to 450, and a Director of stian Education had joined the . The Y.M.C.A. now had 515 bers.

1956 the members decided it time to move forward again, last August ground was broken he new Educational-Social wing nearing completion. Ten new rooms, a chapel, a new Social and greatly expanded "Y" ises bring the total area of the tleroy Church to 50,000 square and the investment in its ings to nearly half-a-million rs. Housed here is one of our st congregations with a mem- ip of 1100 and a church school under 1000, carrying forward a ram involving an annual bud- of $80,000. Housed here also is the largest branch Y.M.C.A. in Seattle, with 1400 members.

The Fauntleroy Church—Y.M.C.A. operates a seven-day a week ministry, with a program beginning every day at 8:30 a.m. and continuing often until 11:00 p.m. In the average month 12,000 persons participate in its program. The church staff now includes one full-time and two half-time secretaries, a full-time and a part-time custodian. It boasts one of the Northwest's outstanding Directors of Christian Education in the energetic Miss Shirley Kajikawa, who serves as a full member of the Pastoral Staff.

Three years ago Fauntleroy Church began still another unique experiment when it established a complete dual-ministry. "Nothing we have done has proved more worthwhile and beneficial to the life of the church", comments The Rev. Ernest A. Yarrow, who shares the pulpit and pastoral ministry at Fauntleroy with The Rev. Donald S. Lamka in a relationship defined in the church By-Laws as "both ministers responsible to and for and in the total ministry of the church". Asked about the future, Mr. Lamka estimated a membership of 1500 and church school of 1200 by 1961, "made possible only by the multiple-use of both premises and staff. The story here at Fauntleroy is just the story of a growing community led by a church that has been pioneering for over 50 years."

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Moses Lake
Naselle
Newport
*Olympia
Otis Orchards
Pasco
Plummer
Pullman
Ralston
Richland Trinity
*Richmond Beach
Ritzville, Philadelphia
Ritzville, Zion
Roy
Seattle, Columbia
Seattle, Fauntleroy
Seattle, Green Lake
Seattle, Japanese
Seattle, Keystone
Seattle, Magnolia
*Seattle, Olivet
Seattle, Pilgrim
Seattle, Plymouth
Seattle, Prospect
Seattle, University
Seattle, West
Spokane, Hillyard
Spokane, Lincoln Heights
Spokane, Westminste
Spokane, Westview
Steilacoom
Summit Park
Sylvan
Tacoma, First
Tacoma, First United Church of Christ
Tacoma, Plymouth
Tonasket
Vancouver
*Veradale
Walla Walla, First
Wallace
Warden
White Salmon
Yakima

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